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Off We Go, Again!

By Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I depart for Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and Burma in early October for several weeks in October and November. Several thousand dollars (up to \$10,000) are necessary to make the expensive trip to and from Asia; to travel in Asia; to arrange lodging, meals and ground transportation there; and to provide the necessary expenses for the seminars and school sessions in which we will be involved for six to eight weeks in multiple countries. In addition to teaching as non-stop as possible, we will be bringing funds for the ongoing radio programs; the radio and TV programs that broadcast into India, Sri Lanka, Burma, East Malaysia and the Philippines garner about 220,000 to 250,000 responses annually, which ultimately lead to about 3,500 conversions per year (with a 75% to 80% retention rate).

One senior couple has contributed to our efforts the monthly leftover of their funds budgeted for eating. One congregation (in addition to congregational monthly support) has placed a can in the back of the auditorium into which members are encouraged to put extra for the Rushmores' labors. Sometimes, those who can least afford to do so are some of the most consistent and enthusiastic supporters of what we attempt to do for the cause of Christ. It is true that Bonnie and I are powerless to be very effective in world evangelism without the voluntary, financial participation of individual Christians and congregations. While big money is nice (and useful), often the little money partnered with other little money makes mission work among the churches of Christ possible today. In truth, funds of all amounts together make it possible to tell precious souls on foreign soil about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please pray about Bonnie and my efforts to train foreign national brethren to know God's Word more thoroughly and to more effectively reach their own people with the New Testament's message of salvation; though we primarily train Christians, there are always non-Christians present, too, some of whom request to be baptized. Now, please send whatever you can right **now** before you forget or are distracted by the routine distractions of everyday life. The soul-saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot go into all the world without your help (Mark 16:15-16)! As a postscript, the sending of the Gospel about which we all sing ("Send the Light") cannot happen unless: (1) someone is willing to "take the light" and (2) someone is willing to "Send the Light" (Romans 10:13-15). 

\$100,000 for 1,000,000 Soul-Saving Tracts

By Louis Rushmore

Already, my tract, "The One True Church of the Bible," has been translated into nine languages besides English. Consequently, it is being distributed in India, Burma, China, Guyana, Fiji, and of course, in the United States. It presents the identifying characteristics of the Lord's church through the use of category titles and listings. Then, the tract contrasts those characteristics of the one, true church of the Bible with denominationalism. Naturally, the pamphlet also enumerates the New Testament plan of salvation and provides space for contact information by the giver, facilitating follow up contacts with tract recipients.

In the states, each tract costs 10 cents (in any quantity); orders of at least 500 permit us to print the contact information for a church, etc. on the tract. These tracts are two-color ink, quad-folded, double-sided 8 1/2 x 14 inch, non-glossy ivory paper. Color of ink and quality of paper varies overseas; in one Asian country, "The One True Church of the Bible" has been printed in three ink colors on white, glossy paper. In this instance, my tract is translated into a Chinese dialect and 10,000 were printed for a \$100 investment.

My math isn't very good, but with the aid of a calculator, it occurred to me that were our brethren prepared to invest \$100,000 in tracts, especially for India, Burma and China, together we could provide up to **one million soul-saving tracts** to a neighborhood of billions. Though 1,000,000 tracts would not be sufficient to reach the inhabitants of the coun-

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tries just mentioned, it would be a commendable start. Whereas tracts are less appreciated in western countries, pamphlets are greatly appreciated and much read by populations on far, foreign shores. Tracts are read and reread until they begin to disintegrate. One piece of literature may be read by an entire village.

If only ten people read each tract, 10,000,000 souls will know about Jesus Christ and His church, for an investment of 1¢ per person! If up to 35 persons reach each tract, up to 35,000,000 souls will become acquainted with the Lord's church, for a statistical zero cents investment per soul! Imagine the great good that a little investment in the printed Word could accomplish!

Stop right now, please, and pray for the billions of souls who have never heard about Jesus Christ. Will you help, and may the congregation of which you are a member be willing to help, make up the \$100,000 needed to provide up to 1,000,000 copies of "The One True Church of the Bible" to a lost world? Remember, our Lord Jesus Christ **only** gave His followers **one job to do** immediately preceding His Ascension (Mark 16:15-16). Are we as God's people doing the job Christ assigned us, or are we busying ourselves with other things as individual Christians and churches of Christ? God's providence being what it is, He will say either, "Yes" or "No" to my \$100,000 prayer; **will you be a part of God's providential, "Yes, we can do this"?** 

Gospel Gazette Online a Useful Tool

By Louis Rushmore

Primarily used in the United States of America, *Gospel Gazette Online* has been accessed from every continent, including Antarctica. In addition to America, *GGO* is used regularly by people from around the world, with especially heavier usage in Europe, India and Australia. Several users in South America, Africa, the Caribbean islands, Asian island nations and Pacific islands often access *GGO* as well. About 800 (free) subscribers (who receive a monthly notice when each new issue is ready) and numerous others make good use of *Gospel Gazette Online* monthly. Clicking on the world map at the website homepage will graphically depict worldwide usage. Clicking on the site meter icon will show, among other things, from which countries users are accessing *GGO* at any given time.

Other reports we receive on usage of *Gospel Gazette Online* indicate that at least someone is using *GGO* almost every hour day and night; hardly an hour goes by in each 24 hour day when there is not at least one person using our website. Frequently, we receive emails expressing appreciation for *GGO*; with thousands of articles archived, besides each monthly edition of more articles by Christian men and women, and with the onsite search engine, one can find biblical information on nearly every subject in which he or she is interested. Reports we receive on our website usage also tell us that people are making good use of the Archive, and that they have a reoccurring interest in several topics.

We plan to continue providing *Gospel Gazette Online* without charge to all users as long as we can afford to do so. Monetary gifts, though, are appreciated and will help us to continue this service. We just hope and pray that our feeble efforts respecting *GGO* glorify God and edify all those who make use of these articles. 

A Whirlwind of Activity

By Bonnie Rushmore

The month of May was a whirlwind of activity. We started the month at Maywood Christian Camp for the annual Missionary Retreat sponsored by the World Evangelism team and the Double Springs Church of Christ. We arrived at the camp on Tuesday, April 28 to prepare the cabins for guests and for the two-day, monthly (April) session of the School of Missions. The week was filled with Christian fellowship, wonderful lessons from God's Word, reports about ongoing mission work around the world and a lot of good food.

Early Saturday morning, we drove a little over an hour to Heritage Christian University for the first annual Missionary Forum hosted by several Florence area churches. Again, we were blessed with Bible-based lessons from longtime missionaries. We left for Piedmont, AL on Saturday afternoon in preparation for a Sunday morning appointment. The Highway 9 congregation was enjoying its monthly covered dish following the morning services, to which we were invited (more good food in abundance). We left for Decatur, AL immediately following the meal, for an evening appointment with the Austinville Church of Christ. We spent the night in Decatur and enjoyed a leisurely drive home on Monday. Later in the week, we helped unload two pallets of *The Voice of Truth International* from a tractor-trailer, after which we shipped about 90 boxes and 200 individual copies of the magazine to subscribers in the states.

Tuesday, May 12, we picked up Vladimir Rancev, a preacher from Lithuania, at the bus stop in Winona. He stayed with us until Friday when we took him to view the campus at Heritage Christian University (Florence, AL) and to inquire about attending classes, before backtracking to his next destination in Fulton, MS. Then, we continued on our way to Huntsville, AL for Sunday appointments at the Mastin Lake Road and Winchester Road congregations. While Vladimir visited us, we still tried to spend as much time as possible in the office taking care of the day-to-day activities that require our attention.

The following week, Jerry and Paula Bates were on vacation, so we handled the daily tasks that they normally tend as well as our own jobs. During this week, we also helped Betty print and mail her newsletter.

Sunday evening May 24, Rebecca joined us in Winona for the week, to help with some of the office duties and to work in the archive room. Thursday and Friday the 28 and 29 of May brought several to Winona for the May session of the School of Missions. On Friday, another truckload of books arrived—three pallets of the second volume of the magazine *Global Harvest* and the new catalog listing books published by Choate Publications. *Global Harvest* contains reports of mission works around

the world. If you would like a copy of this magazine or the catalog, please contact us. We ask a nominal fee of \$5.00 for *Global Harvest* to help cover the cost of volume three to be printed later this year or the first of next year.

About 5:30 p.m. Friday May 29 with the car loaded (three empty seats, Rebecca joined us), we left Winona for our northbound trip. This adventure consisted of visiting the Carrolton, OH and Massillon, OH congregations on May 31; the Mount Pleasant congregation in Cleveland, OH on Wednesday June 3; and the Vermilion, OH and the Forest Hill (in Cleveland, OH) congregations on Sunday June 7. The time between appointments was spent visiting family and friends. Our good friends Bob and Martha Noland kindly let us lodge with them Saturday evening through Wednesday afternoon.

Between appointments Sunday afternoon, we stopped at Wal-Mart for an overdue oil change and tire rotation. While waiting for the repairs on the car, Louis received a phone call from brother Crum, an elder at the Massillon congregation. He called to confirm our appointment for that evening. Louis assured him we would arrive in time and that we were in town at the local Wal-Mart having the car serviced. Brother Crum introduced Louis with comments about our busy schedule, including having the oil changed and the tires rotated just before our arrival that evening.

Monday evening, the ladies of the Hanoverton congregation met at the Noland residence to study Rebecca's book, *What Makes Us Tick*. Since we were visiting, they asked Rebecca to teach.

Tuesday, the five of us took a "day off" to go sightseeing and shopping in Amish country. Since our car is loaded with books and other items for our various appointments, we took Bob and Martha's van. We stopped at Heini's Cheese Factory to purchase some Amish cheese, made on location. When we returned to the car, we noticed a vehicle parked beside us with Desoto County, MS plates. Upon further inspection, we discovered a webpage address for the Friendship Church of Christ in Olive Branch, MS. As Louis prepared a business card to leave on the vehicle, Martha went back into the gift shop in search of the owner, with whom we enjoyed a brief discussion about our work; it was then that we realized that the Rushmores and Fizners are acquainted with the same people. Brother and sister Fizner were reared in central Ohio and were home visiting family. This encounter should remind each of us that Christians are everywhere. We frequently meet Christians who know someone we know.

Thursday afternoon, we picked up my mother at the nursing home (near Erie, PA) and took her to my niece's home for a family dinner. Mom enjoyed spending time with two of her great-grandchildren (ages 4 and nine months). We returned her to the home about 7:30 that evening. Friday morning we stopped by before leaving the area.

Johnstown, OH was our next destination. We arrived at our son's home about 5:00 p.m. Friday. Saturday morning Louis, Bonnie, Rebecca, Ray, Vanessa, Eli and Nate traveled about an hour to the Columbus Zoo. We spent about seven hours touring the facilities and thoroughly enjoyed the day with our grandchildren. All too soon, it was time to leave for Vermilion, OH (our Sunday morning

appointment).

As usual, we were well received by the Vermilion congregation and received lots of hugs from the Weaver children. We enjoyed a covered dish dinner following morning services (is it any wonder that we have gained weight in the last two years) and spent the afternoon with the Weaver family. About 4:30 p.m., we left for our evening appointment with the Forest Hill church of Christ in Cleveland, OH. After services, we were treated to dinner by brother and sister Derwood Smith. One of the benefits of visiting different congregations each Sunday is the fellowship with other Christians.

We arrived at the Noland home about 11:20 p.m. Sunday night to rest before our journey home. Louis, Bonnie and Rebecca left Winona ten days before. As I write this, we have spent approximately 45 hours in the car and have about another eight driving hours before arriving home. We spent time with family and friends, made new acquaintances, Louis taught several lessons from God's Word as well as apprising congregations about evangelism and our work, and yes, I am ready for my bed. We will spend the balance of the week tending to office duties. Next week, we will be at the Collierville, TN church of Christ assisting with their Vacation Bible School. (Since our return to Winona, we spent a week at the Collierville VBS where Louis taught about 60 children nightly a Special Bible Maps Class, and I assisted in crowd control, etc. with some of the younger ones.) 

Rushmore Funding

- Louis & Bonnie Support (\$2,800 Monthly Still Needed)**
- Foreign Travel Funds/Louis & Bonnie (\$20,000 annually)**
- Foreign Travel Funds/Rebecca (\$3,000 annually)**
- Overseas Literature Distribution (\$100,000 annually)**
- Stateside Publishing (\$15,000 annually)**

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Tracts	\$100.00	
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Travel	\$1,295.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,584.00	
Expenses		
Auto Expenses	\$1,218.80	
Stateside Travel	\$1,361.25	
Foreign Travel	\$0.00	
Office	\$303.78	
Postage & Shipping	\$123.59	
Equipment	\$1,211.37	
Internet (annual fee)	\$349.50	

Printing Expenses	\$375.20
Office Telephone	\$279.52
Medical Treatment	\$158.50
Bank Fees	\$6.18
Medical Insurance	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$100.58
Housing	\$1,979.58
Salary	\$2,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,217.85
BALANCE	\$1,366.15
Available Balance	\$8,175.92
Foreign Travel Balance	\$818.74
Philip's Computer Balance	\$30.00
Tracts Balance	\$100.00